(g) whether it is also a fact that Tara Powder is known as Myrobolan Extract and is being produced by a large number of companies; and

(h) if so, what is the purpose of reduction of duty on these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (h) The information required is voluminuous. Time and efforts that would be spent in collecting the information are not likely to be commensurate with the results which will be achieved.

Recovery of Unintended Benefits

124. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued notices to a number of drug companies for depositing the unintended benefit under Drug Equalisation Fund Account;

(b) if so, what is the total number of companies to whom notices have been issued;

(c) the names of drug companies in whose favour claims have been finalised along with the amount due in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that notices have still to be issued on the basis of unintended benefits made on other drugs and formulations;

(e) if so, what are the names of other drugs and by when notices will be issued; and

(f) what is the approximate unintended benefit made by the drug industry from 1980 to 1987 and by when the total amount will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f). Necessary action to recover the amount into the DPEA, wherever due, has been taken as per due process of law. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and effort required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Demand and Supply of Petro-

125. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government anticipate a wide gap between the availability and supply of petrochemicals in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how do Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b). Details of gaps anticipated between demand and domestic availability of major petrochemicals items in the country are as follows:

('000 MT)

	1987-88			1988-89		
	D	S	G	D	S	G
Thermoplastics	616	302	314	683	315	368
LAB	125	30	95	144	90	54
Caprolactam	80	18	62	90	18	72
MEG	90	24	66	105	24	81

D-Demand S-Supply G-Gap